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CLAIMS AMENDMENTS

Please amend claims 1 and 7 shown below. All other claims remain unchanged.

- 1 1. (Currently amended) A paper roll apparatus comprising:
- 2 a paper winding core comprising a paper winding region; and
- a pair of paper retention caps each comprising a securing
- 4 lip for securing side ends of a paper roll wound about said paper
- 5 | winding region, wherein:
- 6 pressure for securing said side ends is provided by said
- 7 paper retention caps; and
- 8 no additional material is secured about said paper retention
- 9 caps to provide said pressure.
- 1 2. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein:
- 2 at least one of said paper retention caps slides over an
- 3 outer end of said paper winding core.
- 1 3. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein:
- 2 at least one of said paper retention caps slides over an
- 3 outer end of said paper winding core and is retained by said
- 4 paper winding core with its securing lip securing said side ends
- 5 of said paper roll.
- 1 4. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising
- 2 said paper roll wound around said paper winding region, with said
- 3 side ends of said paper roll secured by said securing lips.
- 1 5. (Original) The apparatus of claim 2, further comprising
- 2 said paper roll wound around said paper winding region, with said
- 3 side ends of said paper roll secured by said securing lips.
- 1 6. (Original) The apparatus of claim 3, further comprising

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- 2 said paper roll wound around said paper winding region, with said
- 3 side ends of said paper roll secured by said securing lips.
- 1 7. (Currently amended) A method for preparing a paper roll
- 2 apparatus comprising the steps of:
- 3 introducing a wound paper roll about a paper winding region
- 4 | of a paper winding core; and
- 5 securing side ends of said paper roll about said paper
- 6 winding region using a pair of securing lips of a pair of paper
- 7 | retention caps each comprising one of said securing lips; and
- 8 providing pressure for securing said side ends using said
- 9 paper retention caps, without securing any additional material
- 10 about said paper retention caps to provide said pressure.
- 1 8. (Original) The apparatus of claim 7, further comprising the
- 2 step of:
- 3 . sliding at least one of said paper retention caps over an
- 4 outer end of said paper winding core.
- 1 9. (Original) The apparatus of claim 7, further comprising the
- 2 steps of:
- 3 sliding at least one of said paper retention caps over an
- 4 outer end of said paper winding core; and
- 5 retaining said at least one of said paper retention caps
- 6 with its securing lip securing said side ends of said paper roll,
- 7 using said paper winding core.